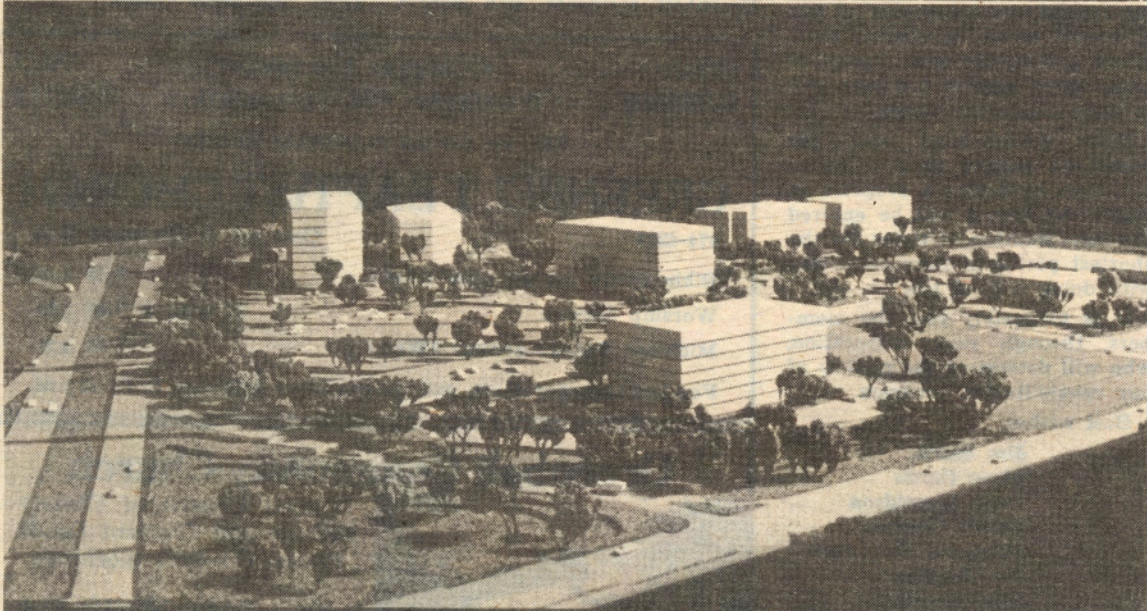


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This is Greenbelt's Golden Triangle as it will look if plans of Prudential Insurance Co. to build an office park are carried to completion (see accompanying story). In this view, the spectator is looking northeast from an improved intersection of Kenilworth Ave. and Greenbelt Rd., with Kenilworth (looking toward Beltsville) along the left edge, and Greenbelt Rd. in the right foreground. The long low structure at the far right is Capital Cadillac, and the Prudential office building now under construction is at the right rear.

—Photo by James Ritchie & Associates, courtesy of Donald N. Coupard & Associate, A.I.A.

Prudential Unveils Plans For Golden Triangle--6-Building Office Park

by Bill Rowland

Greenbelt's Golden Triangle will eventually contain a six-building "office park" (see photo) if the plans of the Triangle's major owner, Prudential Insurance Company, are carried to completion. This was the message brought to the city council, the city manager, and several members of the Advisory Planning Board on November 23, in a work session requested by Prudential.

The firm wanted to let city officials have the first public viewing of its new preliminary plan of

subdivision before the plan is formally submitted to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, probably in December.

Prudential bought 37 acres of the 55-acre Golden Triangle tract just over two years ago. At that time, the company announced its intention to build, manage, and own nearly 400,000 square feet of high-quality office space in several mid- and high-rise buildings. Now, Prudential's spokespersons have told the city, the firm wants to replace the site plan inherited from previous owners of the property.

The new plan will provide more consistency in building design and more of the appearance of a "campus"; will recognize that the State Highway Administration has taken most of a platted lot away from Prudential at the southwest corner of the property (to be used for a highway ramp when the two-level improvement to the Greenbelt Road-Kenilworth Avenue intersection is constructed); and will more than double the office space to be constructed, owned, and managed by Prudential to an eventual 858,000 square feet.

As has been typical of its dealings with the city, Prudential came to the work session ready to give a friendly and low-key but well-prepared presentation. In addition to Kathleen Moore, Prudential's Investment Manager for Real Estate Operations (who has appeared before council on previous occasions), the firm was represented by its architectural and engineering consultants and its zoning attorney.

The centerpiece for the discussion was a large scale model of

the Golden Triangle as it would look after Prudential has completed its proposed office park. Three low-level photographs of the model (one of which is reproduced with this article) and a large copy of the preliminary site plan served as background for the model.

Five of the proposed buildings would be seven stories tall, and the sixth would have nine stories. These heights contrast with the 20- to 25-story high-rise suggested by the previous owner several years ago. Prudential also shows a seventh building of only three stories in its new plan. This represents a lot that the firm would like to sell for use for a restaurant or perhaps a small office building.

The first building in the complex, seven stories and 133,000 square feet, is now under construction and scheduled to open in April 1982. Prudential plans to put up a similar building just west of the first one, but will start that second structure only after half of the space in the first one has been rented. The third building will be phased in similarly on the heels of the second.

Beyond that third building, the future of the proposed office park becomes difficult to foresee. This is because county planners have ruled in the past that area highways cannot handle the traffic from more than 450,000 square feet of office space in the Golden Triangle.

In competition for a part of that limited space may be Kenneth H. Michael, who acquired three acres for himself at the time of the land sale to Prudential. Michael, who has a permit to put up a 60-

Council Looks at Cable T.V., TIF, Open Space Formula

by Bill Rowland

The city council, in its first regular meeting in December, decided to cancel its second regular meeting of the month. The next regular session is scheduled for January 4. The council also granted half-day holidays for city employees on Christmas and New Year's eves. In other actions during the evening of December 7, the council concerned itself with cable television, and with two topics of sources of funds.

Cable TV

The council heard the first reading of an ordinance that would implement the council's November 16 decision to award the city's cable television franchise to Storer Cable Communications of Maryland. The proposed ordinance incorporates an agreement that, in giving Storer the 15-year franchise, would also require specified high standards of performance and service from the firm. Winfield Kelly, Storer's vice-president, told the council that his company has already begun preliminary mapping and engineering work needed to set up Greenbelt's cable TV system.

A bit later in the evening, the council agreed to let non-resident Timothy Williams speak from the floor. Williams told council he is the chairman of a group called "Northern PG CABL," which stands for "Northern Prince Georges Citizens Against Backroom Legislation." The group is circulating a referendum petition that would have county voters decide next November whether or not the county council made the right decision in awarding the northern county cable franchise to Storer. (Williams later told the *News Review* that his group is opposed to Storer on a number of technical counts, such as picture clarity, cost, EEO enforcement, system design, and customer complaint services—all areas in which the group thinks Storer is deficient.)

Williams explained to the city council that he had asked to speak to them only because he was concerned and upset about press reports that the referendum effort is a slap at Greenbelt and the 16 other municipalities in the county which have awarded franchises to Storer. He tried to reassure the council members that his group is opposing only the county-level decision. But all five city councilmen reacted with resentment. For example, mayor pro tem Gil Weidenfeld said that the group, in effect, would be putting up for referendum the decisions by the elected officials of all 17 municipalities in choosing Storer. And councilman Thomas White questioned whether the group's motives might reflect political aspirations rather than an interest in cable television.

Fund Sources

Prince Georges County has established a tax increment finance (TIF) district, designated as the "Greenbelt Area Development District." This will permit

use of the TIF technique to pay for the extension of Hanover Parkway south to Good Luck Road. And that, in turn, will remove an obstacle to the proposed development of the Coakley-Williams and Baker-Witt properties, located south of the Greenway Shopping Center.

Parts of the new TIF district are within Greenbelt city limits. State law requires city consent for property within the city to be included within such a district. During the December 7 meeting, the city council formally voted its consent.

In another action, council reacted favorably to a proposal for a change in the formula whereby the county allocates annual Program Open Space funds to the municipalities. The proposal, in the form of a memorandum of understanding to be adopted between the county and the municipalities, is a product of the Prince Georges County Municipal Association. City Manager James Giese, in written comments to the council, said that "The allocation formula proposed is far superior to what exists at present and is, insofar as Greenbelt is concerned, a reasonable and fair procedure."

Utopia Theater

The zany one-act comedy, "A Point of View," will continue at Utopia Theater on Friday, December 18 and Saturday, December 19 at 8:15 p.m. Written by David Compton and directed by Angela Schreiber, the play is about an elderly, infirm and tyrannical lady who controls the lives of friends and family with an iron glove from her bed in a beauty salon. There is a fee.

The Greenbelt Chamber Orchestra will perform Christmas and chamber music on Sunday, December 20 at 2:30 p.m. A sing-along will follow and there will be a reading by Mary Neiter. The program is free.

Jaycees to Collect Canned Foods Sat.

The Greenbelt JayCees will be collecting canned food for needy families of Greenbelt, this Saturday, December 19 starting at 10 a.m. at the following area food stores: Safeway in Greenway Center, Co-op in Center Mall and A&P in Beltway Plaza.

News Review Deadline

The next 2 weeks issues of the *News Review* will be published on Wednesday because of the Christmas and New Year's holidays. The office will be open Monday, Dec. 21 and 28 from 8 to 10 p.m., and closed Tuesday, Dec. 22 and 29. Deadline for submission of articles and advertising is 10 p.m. Monday at the office, and 4:30 p.m. Monday at the Twin Pines box.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

BECAUSE OF THE HOLIDAYS, THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1981 HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1982.

Gudrun H. Mills, CMC
City Clerk

Holiday Refuse Schedule

During the holiday weeks beginning December 21, and December 28, there will be NO PAPER PICKUP ON WEDNESDAYS. Monday and Tuesday routes will be on regular schedule. Thursday's route will be picked up on Wednesday and Friday's route will be picked up on Thursday.

On Saturday, December 26, 1981, an attended refuse truck will be parked behind the old post office near the Suburban Trust Bank at the Greenbelt Commercial Center for residents who wish to dispose of trash before the next city collection. The truck will be at the parking lot 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Also, any residents wishing to take bundled newspapers to the Public Works Warehouse on Crescent Road may do so between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on regular work days.

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Christmas Programs At Holy Cross Church

The Sunday School of Holy Cross Lutheran Church will present a Christmas musical "Unto Us A Child Is Born" on Sunday, December 20, at 6:30 p.m.

The play is a music and mime production of the Christmas story from John the Baptist through the adoration of the wise men. A birthday cake for Jesus will be brought forward and shared with the congregation after the program.

On Dec. 24 Holy Cross will celebrate Christmas Eve with two services. The carol service at 7:30 p.m. features the Junior Choir and presents the Christmas story with readings and carols.

The candlelight service at 10 p.m. features the youth and adult choirs, a pre-service musical program, carols, scripture readings, a message by Pastor Birner, and a candlelighting ceremony. This second service will be signed for the hearing impaired by the Rev. George Natonick of Christ Church in the District of Columbia.

CITY NOTES

The general crew repaired the water line between the Jaycee clubhouse and Center School. New school crossing signs were installed. One hundred tons of highway salt was delivered and salt from last year was broken up and mixed with the new salt.

The parks crew raked leaves in playgrounds. The leaf vacuum and chipper picked up leaves and debris. A dead tree was removed from Parkway Road. Another tree, which was leaning over private property, was removed from Parcel B.

The regular crew was short-handed last week. Members of the general crew assisted with collections. Special trash collection has been running on schedule.

New bomanite was installed in the Center by the contractor.

Long Fence repaired the damaged guardrail in the 7800 block of Hanover Parkway. The guardrail had been struck by a vehicle in September.

DEMOCRATIC CLUB TO MEET FRIDAY

The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will meet on Friday, December 18 at 8 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Center. Installation of officers will take place followed by Christmas refreshments and open bar.

Post Office Offers Next Day Services

The Postal Service is offering a solution to last-minute shoppers and mailers. It's called Express Mail Next Day Service, and it's available at the local post office. A package mailed by 5 p.m. one day can reach the addressee by 3 p.m. the following day. Customers also have the option of having their Express Mail package available for pickup at the destination post office by 10 a.m. the next business day. There is a charge.

Cub Scout Pack 746

The Discovery of America theme provided several interesting experiences for Cub Scout Pack 746 at their meeting at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church. Parents and Cub Scouts guessed state silhouettes, sang the State Song to check their answers, and participated in a four-way tug of war led by Richard Wilson.

Martin J. Murray was introduced as Webelos Den Leader, Daniel O. Miller as new co-den leader of Den 2, and Patricia Hilbert as new Pack Committee person. The dens reported collecting 44 Good Will Bags as a part of its service project for the year.

Bobcat badges were earned by Hal Schuelke, Jeremiah Pendleton, Jay Hilbert, Adam Boldt, Joshua Agson, Ryan Mach, Daniel O. Miller II, Michael Terrell, and Christopher Colvin. The Webelos Citizenship badge was earned by Joe Katsouros. These were presented at the pack meeting. One-year pins were presented to David Woodworth, Jerome Farley and Nicholas A. Jones.

As a part of the month's activity, the dens went on the National Park Service tour of the cavern under the Lincoln Memorial.

The Best Gift

To the Editor:

During this holiday season we on the GHI Board of Directors wish to remind all of our fellow GHI members that the best gift that they can give to one another is the gift of cooperative spirit: to work together with management and the board during the final phase of the rehabilitation program which will be starting late this winter.

This final phase, which will result in the greatest savings in our operating expenses involving both energy and maintenance, will center around the conversion of our oil-heated homes to electric heat. It will also be the most disruptive phase since most of the work will be done inside the homes.

Both management and the board are pooling their technical resources to design a program in which the homes will be entered the least number of times for the shortest period of time consistent with doing a good job.

It is ultimately you, the members, through your cooperation, who will determine the quality of our rehabilitation program.

Best wishes.

Jim Smith
Steve Curtis
Della Donaldson
Frank Gervasi
Margaret Hogensen
Joe Jenkins
John Lewis
Wayne Williams
Don Volk

MIRA BATRA NAMED MERIT SEMI-FINALIST

Mira Batra, daughter of Suzanne and Lekh Batra, Ridge Rd., was named a National Merit scholar semi-finalist. A senior at Roosevelt, she was the only Greenbelter among Roosevelt's semi-finalists. Chosen for high performance on the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Tests), she is now eligible to compete with students from all parts of the United States for National Merit, college, and corporation scholarships.

Mowatt Memorial

United Methodist Church
40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410
Church School 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
(Ages Nursery - Adult)
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Rev. Ira C. Keperling, Pastor
474-1924

Bahá'í Faith

Greenbelt Community
P.O. Box 245
Greenbelt, Md. 20770
474-4090/345-2918

ST JOHN'S CHURCH Episcopal

Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville
8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
First and third Sundays
10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
Second and fourth Sundays
10:30 a.m. Sunday School

CHRISTMAS EVE: Choral Eucharist

8:30 and 10:30 p.m.
Rev. John G. Bals, Rector
422-8057

Greenbelt Champs

The Enterprise Carpets Touch Football Team, sponsored by long time Greenbelt resident, Louie Merricks, made a fine showing in the First Men's Maryland State Touch Football Championship. Enterprise defeated two Montgomery County League champions, "Outside Inn" 33-7, and "Sheraton Northwest" 41-7, to qualify for the semi-finals against "Fawnsworth Saloon," the eventual State Champion. Enterprise Carpet was quarterbacked by Greenbelter Mike "Roger" Teske and the roster included other Greenbelt residents, Bob Bergin,

Roosevelt Orchestra, Band at Beltway Pl.

The Prince Georges County Public Schools will ring in the joy of the season with a variety of special concerts. The Eleanor Roosevelt High School orchestra will give a concert at Beltway Plaza at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 21 and the High School Band will perform there on Tuesday, December 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Joe Scallion, Bobby Hawk, Mike O'Driscoll, Hugh Cottingham, Jim Merricks, Chris Nevitt, Petey Doss, and Mike Gielen.

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9:45 a.m.

Worship Service

11 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Midweek Prayer Service (Wed.)

8:00 p.m.

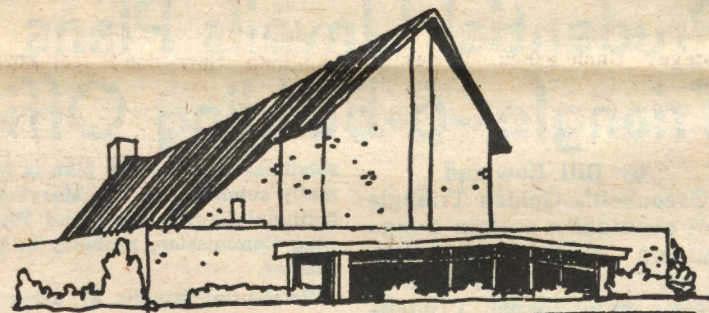
For bus transportation, call church office 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Greenbelt Community Church

(United Church of Christ)
Hillside and Crescent Roads
Phone 474-6171 mornings

11 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship and Church School

Nursery provided at
2B Hillside
Rev. Sherry Taylor and
Rev. Harry Taylor co-pastors



Holy Cross Lutheran Church

6905 Greenbelt Road
Worship Services: 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:50 a.m.

Sunday morning nursery at both services

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone 345-5111

St. Hugh's Catholic Church

135 Crescent Road 474-4322
Wishes everyone a Happy and Holy Christmas

MASS SCHEDULE:

December 24 -
6 P.M. (Children's Liturgy)
7:30 P.M., 12:00 Midnight
Carols beginning at 11:30 P.M.

December 25 -
8:00 and 10:00 A.M.
12 Noon

CONFESSIONS:

December 22 -
11:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon
December 23 -
7 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
December 24 -
11:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon
1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.



HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, YOUTH CENTER, AND PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING, WILL BE OPEN FROM 8 A.M. UNTIL 12 NOON ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 (CHRISTMAS EVE) AND ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31 (NEW YEAR'S EVE). THE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 AND JANUARY 1. FOR SPECIAL RECREATION DEPARTMENT HOURS AND REFUSE SERVICES, SEE SEPARATE NOTICES.
Gudrun H. Mills, CMC
City Clerk

Greenbelt Grab-bag

by Punchin' Judy

"Look at this item in the paper," said Cousin Phineas. "It says here that a big company has developed a way for incompatible computers to communicate. If they're not compatible, why would they want to communicate?"

"Well, let's say two businesses have different types of computers and they want to get the information from one to the other," I tried to explain.

"But if their computers don't get along, they'd probably just get into an argument," Uncle Phineas said.

"It's not that they don't get along," I told him. "Computers are machines, they don't have feelings."

"That's what you think," replied Uncle P. "Those ornery gadgets can be meaner than junkyard dogs."

"Come on, now, Uncle," I objected. "They're collections of metal and plastic."

Uncle Phineas picked up his pocket calculator, took it into the next room, and shut the door. Coming back, he said, "You have to be careful, now that they can communicate. Besides, I didn't want it to take offense at what you are saying."

"Honestly, Uncle Phineas, you've got it all wrong," I told him. "Look, suppose two computers speak different languages. . ."

"If they can't learn to speak English, let them go back where they came from," he said decisively.

"You still don't understand," I complained. "Maybe they have different storage and retrieval systems."

"Why would a computer need storage?" Uncle asked. "In case it moved into a smaller apartment and didn't want to throw away anything it was sentimental about?"

"I told you, they're machines, they don't get sentimental. They don't have feelings!" I insisted.

"Maybe you're right," he agreed. "I've been corresponding with a computer about a mistake on a bill for six months. If it had any feelings, it would feel sorry for me."

"Look, Uncle," I went on to explain. "If you had a computer it could talk to that company's com-

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000-square-foot five-story office building on his parcel, hopes to break ground in the spring.

Other occupants of the Golden Triangle—Capital Cadillac and the new PEPCO Toaping Castle substation now under construction—are not included in the county's office-space ceiling.

The traffic relief valve that might let Prudential expand to its goal of 858,000 square feet would be the planned improvement of the intersection of Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue. This major project is included in the State Highway Administration's current five-year program, with completion projected for 1987. However, with state highway funds recently reported in short supply, that projected date may be far too optimistic.

Prudential's representatives at the work session discussed with Greenbelt's officials various concerns of the city related to the proposed new plans. These included staging of construction in relation to highway improvements; storm water management; signs; the saving of trees around the edges of the property, and the planting of new trees; access to the city park at the north edge of the property; and possible provision of a walkway or bus service to connect the office park with the planned Greenbelt Metrorail station. The responses to these concerns were generally reassuring to the city.

puter, and they could straighten out your bill."

"They might get too compatible and start dating and forget all about me," he said.

"I've told you over and over," I reminded him. "They don't have emotions, they don't feel sorry, they're not happy or sad."

"I don't know about that," Phineas replied. "I called my bank the other day and they said the computer was down. Maybe it was depressed about my balance. I know I am."

"Uncle Phineas, you could try the patience of a floppy disk," I told him.

"Floppy disk?" he said wonderingly. "You always were punchy, Judy."

Police Blotter

Descriptions have been given for the persons responsible for two cases of indecent exposure on Dec. 5 and 6. One took place on Westway when a child was called over to a car. This suspect was described as a white male in his 20s, operating a Toyota car. In the other case a white male was reported as tapping on a window to gain the attention of the occupants of a home on Ridge Rd.

Pfc. Murray charged two residents of Ridge Road with making a false report of a stolen vehicle.

An apartment was entered by way of a ground floor window on Crescent Road on Dec. 10 during daylight hours. A stereo set was reported stolen.

Upon receiving a call to assist the ambulance crew at a home on Northway, the officers discovered that a fight had taken place and that the inside of the house was damaged. The house was occupied by seven disorderly juveniles and a lone 18-year-old male occupant. As a result of further investigation, the occupant was charged with Disorderly House, Concealed Weapon, and Resisting Arrest. He was taken into custody to Hyattsville, where a judge released him on personal recognizance. One juvenile, who was a runaway, was also taken into custody. The party was dispersed.

In separate cases this week emergency commitments were made by Cpl. Lann for two wom-

en who displayed mental problems and had to be taken into custody for their own protection.

The Department's annual holiday party for all City School Patrol girls and boys will be held at the Youth Center on Friday, December 18, from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. A film and refreshments will be featured. A gift from the Department will be presented to each Patrol. Officer Charles Watkins and Chief William Lane will conduct the party and thank all Patrols for their help during the year.

Chief Lane attended the graduation of Officers Craig Rich, Alex Turner and Christopher Field from the Southern Maryland Police Training Academy at the Charles County Community College on December 11. The officers have now completed entrance level training and will be assigned to patrol with a Field Training Officer.

Volunteers Needed

The Prince Georges County Department of Social Services needs volunteers for its Appointment Program in the First United Methodist Church of Hyattsville on Queensbury Road. The work consists of answering phones and assisting people needing food stamps and/or Medicaid appointments. Volunteers may choose their own hours—Monday through Friday. Call Jo or Pat at 779-2177.



The Howard Savage's

extend to all their friends in Greenbelt their Best Wishes for a

Happy Holiday Season



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of the

Christmas Season

to all our

Greenbelt Friends

Charles and Pat Brown

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Saturday, December 19

to the

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via the

... Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Dept. Co. 35 ...
at 10am and will stay 'til 12 noon



Come talk with Santa and his helpers. If you like, you may participate in the Toy Exchange. Bring a toy; take a toy, or bring one for a needy child. Cartoons will be shown. Treats are in store for the kids and refreshments for Mom and Dad.

OTHER WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

Friday, December 18 thru
Tuesday, 22

Saturday, December 19

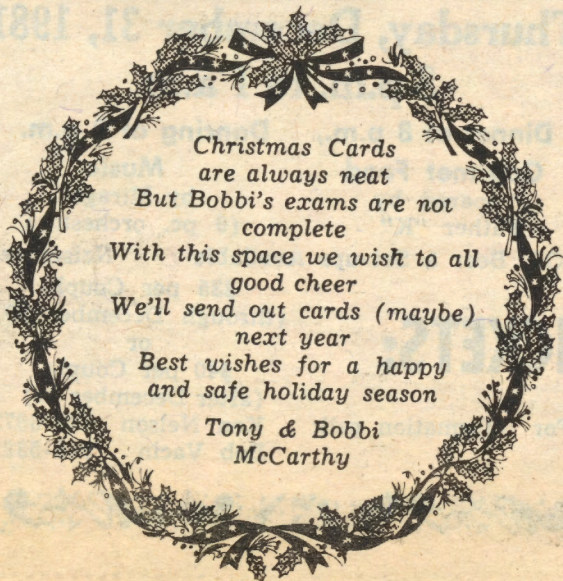
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS CONTEST — Have your lights on at dusk. The Greenbelt Jaycees will view as many decorated city homes and apartments as possible. Judging will be done on outside decorations and visual displays.

CAROLING — Meet in the Center Mall by the Mother and Child Statue. Come stroll with us, through the Mall and up to Greenbelt's Green Ridge House, serenading your friends and neighbors with all the old favorite carols. Refreshments will follow.

Coordinated by the Greenbelt Recreation Department, the above programs are open to the public free of charge. For further information, call 474-6878.



Warmest Holiday Greetings
to our Greenbelt friends and neighbors
The Weidenfeld Family
Gil, Muriel, Sharon & Ellen



Christmas Cards
are always neat
But Bobbi's exams are not
complete
With this space we wish to all
good cheer
We'll send out cards (maybe)
next year
Best wishes for a happy
and safe holiday season
Tony & Bobbi
McCarthy

Greenbelt's Great Al Herling

(First in a series of interviews with those people in the community who make Greenbelt such a special place.)

by Sandra Barnes

A man of letters and music. A philosopher and humanist. A man dedicated to public service and social good. A man steeped in religious and political history while enthusiastically embracing the present. A renaissance man. Warm and outgoing, yet with a gentle, quiet dignity one immediately respects. His name is Albert Herling — raconteur, political and social activist, ordained minister, musician and resident of Greenbelt for 27 years.

The son of a New York labor leader, Al started his career intent on becoming a concert pianist. Though music continued to play a significant role in his life, he entered Crane Theological Seminary following his graduation at Oberlin College. While studying to become a Unitarian minister, he taught courses in church music at Tufts, conducted their concert band and also was an Assistant Professor of Music at Curry College in Boston. It was during this period that Al met Fran, a nursing student at Hunter College. They were secretly wed, because theological students were not permitted to marry.

He wrote his thesis on the History of Church Music, a subject he was so well-versed in that he had difficulty finding a committee of qualified scholars who could test his knowledge. He served the Boston suburb of Natick for six years as a Unitarian minister before assuming a position with the Commission on Inquiry on Forced Labor in 1947.

A deep sense of social concern brought him to investigate for the Commission the issue of slavery all over the world—Russia, Latin America, the Middle East and Eastern Europe. As the only paid employee of the commission, his work focused world attention on the issue and led to public hearings and a United Nations inquiry. Even today, Al says sadly, there are about 10,000 persons living in peonage, debt slavery.

Al's book on the subject, "The Soviet Slave Empire," published in 1951, predated reports of conditions in Soviet Russia later exposed by Alexander Solzhenitsyn and others. He revealed actual accounts of persons who were subjected to torture and degradation, enslaved for their political beliefs, some whose lives were brief sparks in a holocaust of human degradation.

In the family tradition, Al began his long career with labor as an assistant to the president of the Hatters' Union in 1952. Dur-

ing this period also, he ran for political office—his first and only campaign—on the platform of abolishing the office he sought, President of the Borough of Manhattan. He considered the position to be a patronage vehicle which had no function. One of his opponents was Bob Wagner, later mayor of New York City. As they campaigned together on the League of Women Voters circuit, Wagner could not understand Herling's desire to abolish the position which Wagner himself used as a stepping stone to higher political office.

At this point the Herling family had grown to three children, Karen, Erica and Konrad, and all packed off to Norway for a year where Al was a labor consultant to the Royal Industry Department looking after American industrial interests. The girls went to the Norwegian kindergarten. The family visited Fran's relatives in Sweden and Al and Fran became so impressed with the Scandinavian concern for the common welfare and emphasis on quality of life, that they have returned four or five times since then for business and pleasure.

Returning to the United States, Herling became the Washington representative to the City of Hope National Medical Center. The family was drawn to the fledgling cooperative community in Greenbelt which seemed to emulate many of the humanistic qualities they had admired so in Norway and Sweden.

They are the second family to live in their Ridge Road home in 13 court. The Herlings immediately felt welcomed into the community by a court member who greeted them with a basket of co-op products.

Soon after, Al ran for the Board of Greenbelt Consumer Services and served during the years of rapid expansion, an exciting period of opening new supermarkets, furniture stores (Scan), and gas stations.

The new businesses did not always thrive, Al recalls, partly because—unlike Greenbelt—the cooperative spirit did not emanate from the community served. Today, Herling feels the co-op idea has become muted as the co-op leadership does not always reflect the feelings of its membership. He cites the loss of the bakery at the Greenbelt Co-op supermarket, a peremptory decision to eliminate the service without seeking input from the members. Greenbelt Homes, Inc., the housing co-

operative, with all its problems, is more truly representative of a cooperative in that it respects the opinions of its members, Al states. However, he noted that he felt the GHI Board of Directors has never developed a successful management philosophy which it is able to communicate to both the staff and membership.

During this period, in the mid 50's, Al edited the "Trade Unionist," for which he was the one-man staff-reporter, layout editor and editorial writer for the weekly publication, often arriving home at 2 and 3 a.m.

At this time also, 1956, he decided to support Adlai Stevenson for President and formed the first Stevenson for President Committee in Washington, D.C. Volunteering his services, he was Executive Secretary to the committee, helped with registration and get-out-the-vote drives, assuring district delegates committed to Stevenson at the democratic convention.

In 1959, he became editor of the Bakery, Confectionary and Tobacco Workers newspaper where he remained until his retirement in January 1979. Again, he was the staff for the monthly paper as well as advisor to the president of the international union for 20 years.

In January 1968, the Greenbelt News Review was sued by a private developer for libel in a \$2,000,000 suit which rocked the community. Shortly after hearing the news, Herling visited Al and Elaine Skolnik, President of the Board of the paper and his wife (the current president) and together with community activist (later councilman) Charles F. Schwan formed the Freedom of the Press Committee. This committee rallied the community into raising funds to support the paper's legal and court costs. Herling attributes the unique support for the News Review and the Skolniks to the tremendous importance of the paper in the life of each member of the community who identified with the struggle. "We felt we were defending our paper and freedom to survive." The story of how the readers came to the rescue of the paper is one which is unique to journalism and is one which has not yet been written, Al emphasizes.

Not to be outdone by her husband's activism, Fran and two other women tested the city's ordinance against wearing shorts in the Greenbelt Center. At the time

—about 1955 — men could wear shorts, but women couldn't. Fran was dutifully arrested by Greenbelt's finest, after which a storm of protest erupted in city council chambers and the ordinance was repealed. "I remember your illegal carrying on," Al chuckles fondly.

After 38 years of marriage, the Herlings seem well-suited to each other, agreeing on philosophical points and social issues, polite and jocular. They each seem comfortable with the role he/she has carved; though he may be the more vocal of the two, she has worked equally hard.

The Greenbelt Public Library is a facility they both strove to obtain for the community. Though not an official "librarian," Fran has worked in the library during its tenure in the Center School and in the present building for the past 25 years. Together the Herlings and other Greenbelters formed Friends of the Greenbelt Library, helping to establish a permanent library not only in this community but traveling the county to form "Friends of the Library" in numerous communities. Al gave the dedication address in 1971.

Together also, they have joined their son Konrad in the task of establishing the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center as a viable institution. Fran can be seen just about every Friday and Saturday

night at the refreshment counter making sure that drinks and cookies are served. "I feel responsible for the lobby," she says. Her husband notes that "the place would be a mess without Frances" who cleans the bathrooms and sweeps, spending two hours a week on those chores because "no one would want to come in if it were dirty," she quietly affirms.

Promoting events at the Cultural Arts Center and the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra (he's now trying to resolve the latter's labor dispute which has interrupted the orchestral season), Al finds time to attend classes at the University of Maryland, practice the piano two hours a day; serve on the city's personnel committee; administer the scholarship competition for the Bakery, Confectionary and Tobacco Workers International Union; proofread every Friday for his brother "John Herling's Labor Letter," a weekly newsletter circulated to labor, industry, government and overseas; visit with his grandchildren, Sheila and Brian; and occasionally he says he fills a pulpit on a Sunday morning. Oh yes, along the way they helped found the Paint Branch Unitarian Church where he and Fran remain active members.

The Herlings relish the "excitement of being alive," look forward to more trips to Sweden, and carrying on their life's work—a commitment to social, religious and political causes.

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Housekeeping Items Occupy GHI Board; Smith on NCCB Ballot

by Sandra Surber Smith

Tree trimming, audits, committees and personnel were the main topics of discussion at the December 3 meeting of the Board of Directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. The board also brought up the issue of equity in the new townhouses and possible changes to the mutual ownership contract for those homes.

Expenditures

The first reading of a contract with Atlas Stump Removal Service to trim 25 trees and remove 23 trees at a cost of \$2,300 was approved. The board then agreed to an amendment to the Edison Electric contract for some additional work to facilitate the installation of vinyl siding.

On first reading the 1982 expenditure authorization of \$5,209,335 was approved—the largest single item in this expenditure, an almost 1½ million for energy costs.

Smith on NCCB Ballot

The board congratulated board president Jim Smith on meeting the requirements to be placed on the ballot as a candidate for the National Consumer Cooperative Bank. This was accomplished by obtaining twenty nominating ballots from bank member cooperatives. The board supported Smith's efforts to be elected to the NCCB Board. GHI is a major stockholder in the bank which is providing rehab financing. General Manager Tim Mitter remarked on Smith's accomplishment at marshalling significant support from other cooperatives and so quickly mounting his election campaign. Mitter continued, "GHI must keep involved in NCCB. We must ensure that it is a stable institution 20 years from now."

Committees

The Personnel Committee reported to the board on the status of an ad hoc advisory committee's recommendations on personnel matters. Most of the recommendations had been or are being implemented by management. These recommendations range from a company picnic to employee handbooks to more structured employee orientations and evaluations. The responsibilities for supervision of the personnel

functions are now centralized in the position of the Assistant Manager.

Next the board approved the charge prepared by Nat Shinderman to a committee on committees. This committee was an outgrowth of the November 20 GHI workshop held to clarify current assignments, procedures for and interests of GHI committees. As the GHI board members took office last May, they promised a revitalization of GHI committees, more input by committees, and more use of them by the board. One step is to study committee structure and recommend improvements.

Audits and Finance

The Finance Committee recommended to the board that an invitation to bid letter be sent to seven auditing firms to prepare the 1981 final and GHI's mid-year audit. There was a good deal of discussion about the advantage in using a firm already familiar with GHI, the need to get the job done quickly, and the possibility of separating the two audits. The board finally agreed to the committee's recommendation.

A second recommendation by the Finance Committee required more information. The board directed management to lay out the pros and cons of changing the equity provision in the mutual ownership arrangements with the new townhouses and larger homes. The board saw several options: (1) do not modify existing contracts, (2) give members the option to purchase equity and then convert to typical GHI contracts or (3) change the formula so that GHI's equity stabilizes. Director Don Volk reminded the board that there is considerable disagreement among members on this issue and that the membership has twice voted down changes. The board adjourned to executive session.

LaLeche League

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7:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 23, 1981

PLACE: Joint Hearing Room
Legislative Services Building
90 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Article III, Section 5 of the Constitution of Maryland requires that following each decennial census of the United States and after public hearings, the Governor shall prepare a plan setting forth the boundaries of the legislative districts for electing the members of the Senate and the House of Delegates.

Section 5 of the Constitution further requires that the Governor present the plan to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates for introduction as a joint resolution not later than the first day of the regular session of the General Assembly in the second year following the 1980 census (January 13, 1982).

In accordance with the provisions of Article III, Section 5 of the Constitution, notice is hereby given that the Honorable Harry Hughes, Governor, will hold public hearings on Monday, December 21, 1981 beginning at 2:00 p.m., and on Wednesday, December 23, 1981, beginning at 7:30 p.m., both hearings to take place in the Joint Hearing Room, Legislative Services Building, 90 State Circle, Annapolis, Maryland 21401, to receive testimony from the general public relating to the boundaries of the legislative districts for the entire State.

Any interested person desiring to participate in these hearings is requested to give written notice of intention to appear indicating the particular portion of the State or general subject as to which he or she intends to present testimony not later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, December 18, 1981, to: John F. X. O'Brien, Governor's Office, State House, Annapolis, Maryland 21404 (call 301-269-2606). Please indicate whether you intend to appear at the December 21, 1981, or December 23, 1981, hearing. Depending upon the time available and the number of persons wishing to testify, it may be necessary to establish time limitations for presentations. Those who provide notice in advance of their intention to appear will receive priority with respect to presentation testimony at the hearings.

It is requested that any interested person desiring to submit written statements in addition to or in lieu of oral testimony at said hearings shall file the same on or before the commencement of the hearing with: John F. X. O'Brien, Governor's Office, State House, Annapolis, Maryland 21404 (301-269-2606). In any event, no written statements will be accepted after 5:00 p.m., Monday, December 28, 1981.

The Governor's Advisory Committee on Reapportionment and Redistricting, appointed to assist the Governor in developing a reapportionment plan, has, after extensive public comment, recommended to the Governor such a plan. To the extent that the Governor identifies portions of the Committee's recommendations with which he has concern, he will attempt to indicate those concerns at the commencement of the hearings.

Copies of the maps comprising the plan recommended to the Governor by the Advisory Committee are available to interested members of the public upon request from the Department of State Planning, 301 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202; the Department of Legislative Reference, 90 State Circle, Annapolis, Maryland 21401; and the Governor's Office, State House, Annapolis, Maryland 21401. The maps are also available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Department of Legislative Reference at the address given above. Questions concerning the details of the maps should be directed to Mr. Karl Aro, at the Department of Legislative Reference (call 301-841-3880 (Baltimore) or 301-858-3880 (Washington, D. C. area)).

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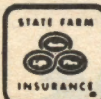
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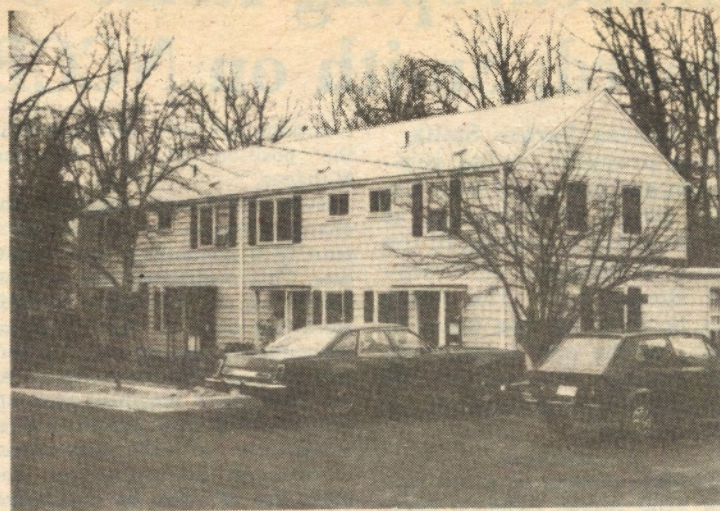
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GHI NOTES

The GHI Board of Directors will meet Thursday, December 17, at 8 p.m. in the GHI Board Room. The agenda includes a look at the revised rehab schedule, heat conversion as an emergency situation, and GHIDC operations as well as second readings for a tree-trimming contract and the 1982 expenditure authorization. Under the topic of committees, appointment of a committee on voting procedures, and scheduling of the next committee chair/board meeting will be discussed.

Campaign

GHI President James Smith is conducting an aggressive campaign for election to the National Consumer Cooperative Bank (NCCB) Board of Directors. Activities have included a mailing, and an open house on Sunday, December 13. The open house was an informal occasion for interested individuals to talk with NCCB Board candidates. Besides James Smith, another candidate, Paul Mohn, who is Chairman of the Board of Greenbelt Cooperative, Inc., was also present at the open house. Other candidates sent representatives and left literature.

Rehab Schedule

The approximate rehab plumbing schedule is 12 court Hillside (A-D) December 18, and 12 court Hillside (E-H) December 21. Weather permitting, siding work (stripping or installation) will be done at 6, 7 and 8 Research, 69 Ridge and 8, 9, 10 and 11 Southway.

One of the newest GHI staff members is Dan Bennett who previously worked at Toys 'R Us. At GHI he serves as Utility Person.

Regular office hours for GHI will end at 2:30 p.m. on December 23 so that staff members can have their Christmas party.



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Among the Prince Georges public school students selected to receive the 1981 Maryland Distinguished Scholar Awards were Eleanor Roosevelt High School students James Devine, David Eichhorn, Andrew Effenhein, Stephen Hughes and Kim Wentling. Each student will receive an annual \$800 grant to attend a Maryland state college or university.

Condolences to James Weiss, a 20-year employee of the Public Works Department, on the death of his wife Virginia.

Two students at Eleanor Roosevelt High School will present scientific papers at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in January. William Brown, Jr. of Greenbelt and Jeanmarie Perrone of Laurel will be among 55 other students from throughout the country who will present their scientific projects.

It's a boy for former Greenbelters Bob and Robin Bailey of Lanham! Their first child, Joseph

Alan was born on Thursday, December 10 weighing 7 lb. 9 oz. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pray, Empire Place and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bailey, Southway.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fendlay proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Michelle Fendlay, on November 9 at 4:19 a.m., weighing 8 lbs. 1½ oz. The happy grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fendlay of Southway and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Barber of Ridge Rd.

Congratulations are also in order to the following students attending Mary McLeod Bethune

Junior High School who made the honor roll during the first grading period: Seventh graders Lynette Bradley, Maisoon Zaghal, and Tammy Barrier.

Last week's winners at the Greenbelt Duplicate Bridge Club were: 1st, Bill and Laura Walker, 2nd, Addie Kaighn and Lars Bronstein and 3rd, Harvey Geller and Tony Pisano.

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Capital Office Park is located on the Capital Beltway at the Kenilworth Avenue exit, opposite the proposed Greenbelt Metro Station. The Park, which is owned by Eleventh Springhill Lake Associates and managed by Community Realty Co., Inc., is located on 28 landscaped acres and will eventually house 3,000 employees in

four eight-story office buildings, totaling 450,000 square feet. Occupancy of the third building, now under construction, will take place in April 1982. A Hilton Hotel with convention facilities is also scheduled to start construction on an adjacent site beginning Spring 1982.

Recreation Review

Hours will be extended to the public, at both the Youth Center and SHL Center during the holiday season. Facilities will be open as follows: Thurs., Dec. 24, 12 noon - 6 p.m.; Fri., Dec. 25, 12 noon - 11 p.m.; Sat., Dec. 26, 9 a.m. - 11 p.m.; Sun., Dec. 27, 1 pm - 10 pm; Mon., Dec. 28, 12 noon - 10 pm; Tues., Dec. 29, 12 noon - 10 pm; Wed., Dec. 30, 12 noon - 10 pm; Thurs., Dec. 31, 12 noon - 6 p.m.; Fri., Jan. 1, 12 noon - 11 pm; Sat., Jan. 2, 9 am - 11 pm; and Sun., Jan. 3, 1 pm - 10 pm.

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as follows: Greenbelt Middle School, Sundays 1 pm to 5 pm and the Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School, Sundays, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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